SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 27)

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.—ABANDONMENT—IN OZAUKEE, SHEBOYGAN AND MANITOWOC COUNTIES, WI

Decided: July 15, 2004

On June 30, 2004, Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) filed with the Board an application for permission to a abandon its line of railroad known as the Plymouth Line, extending from milepost 114.8 near Saukville to milepost 151.8 near Kiel, a distance of approximately 37 miles in Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties, WI.

Congressman Thomas E. Petri, the Random Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Kettle Lakes Cooperative have requested public hearings in Wisconsin to permit interested persons to voice their concerns about the proposed abandonment. WCL replied in opposition to the requests.

The Board will grant the requests by holding a public meeting at a time and place to be determined. The meeting will be conducted by Board staff and will be held in Wisconsin to allow interested persons to appear and present their views.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

- 1. A public meeting conducted by Board staff will be held at a time and place to be determined.
 - 2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams Secretary